

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

BILLY BUTLER, #02098961, §  
Petitioner, §  
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v. § Case No. 6:22-cv-180-JDK-KNM  
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DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID, §  
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Respondent. §  
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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner Billy Butler, a former Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmate proceeding pro se, filed this federal petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition was referred to United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for disposition.

On February 28, 2025, Judge Mitchell issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court deny the petition as time-barred and dismiss this case with prejudice. Docket No. 22. Judge Mitchell also recommended that a certificate of appealability be denied *sua sponte*. *Id.* A copy of this Report was sent to Petitioner via certified mail. To date, Petitioner has not objected to the Report.

This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court

examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law.

*Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), superseded on other grounds by statute, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Petitioner did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews the legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. See *United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 22) as the findings of this Court. This petition for habeas corpus is hereby **DENIED** as time-barred. Accordingly, this action is **DISMISSED** with prejudice. The Court **DENIES** a certificate of appealability.

**So ordered and signed on this**

Apr 8, 2025

  
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JEREMY D. KERNODLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE